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FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANDROLOGY

March 27–29, 1998

Long Beach, California, USA

23rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Andrology and Postgraduate Course

Hyatt Regency Long Beach

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Postgraduate Course: March 27

Andrology Laboratory Workshop: March 26

April 9–12, 1999

Louisville, Kentucky, USA

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Postgraduate Course: April 10

Andrology Laboratory Workshop: April 13

Testis Workshop: April 7–10

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2000

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

25th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Andrology and Postgraduate Course

2001

Montreal, Quebec, CANADA

26th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Andrology and Postgraduate Course

HANDBOOK OF ANDROLOGY



The American Society of Andrology

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The American Society of Andrology proudly makes available the Handbook of Andrology for purchase. This 83-page softbound handbook presents in a very clear fashion the basic science and clinical aspects of the male reproductive system. This handbook is recommended for students to senior faculty members and basic scientists to clinicians who want a tour of the andrological system. The editors have carefully selected world-renowned faculty who have written short chapters in an easy to read style and with vivid illustrations to make this handbook a pleasure to read.

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Selected Topics Include:

Reproductive anatomy

Hypothalamo-pituitary-testicular axis

Hormone receptors and signal transduction

Anatomy and physiology of the prostate

Clinical evaluation and treatment of the infertile male

Fertility assessment in domestic animals

Evaluation and treatment of erectile dysfunction

Physiology of the epididymis

Androgen insensitivity

Andropause

Sperm banking

BPH

Prostate Cancer

Gonadotoxins

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GRADUATE/ POSTDOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

REPRODUCTIVE & DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICOLOGY SPECIALTY SECTION

SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY

We announce our intention to give awards of recognition for the best platform and/ or poster presentations by either graduate students or post-doctoral fellows in the area of reproductive and developmental toxicology at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology in Seattle, Washington, to be held from March 1st to 5th. General areas of research include male and female reproductive toxicology, reproductive endocrinology, teratology/ developmental toxicology, and post-natal functional assessment. Candidates for these awards are requested to send a copy of the abstracts submitted to the Society to the address listed below by November 1st. An outline of the talk or a copy of the poster should be included.

The abstracts and posters should describe original research which may include applied studies, investigation of mechanisms involved in toxic response, or studies on basic biochemical, physiological, or genetic mechanisms of action. Interested individuals may request Society information and abstract forms from the address given below. All submitted documents will be treated as privileged information. The successful candidates will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Specialty Section.

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XXIV ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TRANSFER SOCIETY

J.M. Robl, Program Chairman

18-20 January 1998
Boston Marriott Copley Place, Massachusetts, USA

INVITED SESSIONS

- **Practical considerations for in vitro embryo production**
In vitro embryo production systems have been in place for many years for human beings and cattle and are being developed for other species, such as pigs and horses. Maintaining a consistent and highly successful complex biological system such as this requires attention to many details including quality control procedures, systematic trouble shooting and when and how to implement new procedures. Not only are there different approaches to addressing these factors for each species, but also for each laboratory. A comparison of systems can be very useful in stimulating ideas for new approaches to solving old problems.
- **Fertilization and the first cell cycle**
Fertilization and the events occurring during the few hours of the first cell cycle are critical for producing an embryo with full potential for development to term. With the commercialization of in vitro fertilization systems for the cow and, in the near future, for the pig, methods for preventing polyspermy are of great interest. Furthermore, the failure of sperm to penetrate the extracellular coat is an important aspect of human infertility. Activation of the oocyte by the sperm or by artificial means involves an intracellular signaling process that results in the progression of the cell cycle and leads to the formation of the pronuclei. An understanding of this highly orchestrated series of events is of critical importance as we explore new ways of manipulating the genetics of animals and refine our assessment of what contributes to infertility in man and animals.
- **Embryo metabolism: implications for in vitro culture**
Whether it be for direct embryo transfer or some complex genetic manipulation, embryos must be maintained for a period of time in vitro. In vitro handling inevitably has a detrimental effect on the viability of the embryo. Considerable progress has been made over the past few years in the efficacy of in vitro culture systems. This success has been due primarily to a greater understanding of how the embryo interacts with its in vitro environment, what critical needs this environment must meet, and what indicates normalcy in the embryo.
- **Genetic modification of animals: methods and applications**
Domestic animal production and the embryo transfer industry are entering an era in which new genetic manipulative techniques fuel the development of novel animal-derived products. New approaches are being developed to facilitate introduction of genes into the large domestic species. Three industries, with vast market potential, that are rapidly evolving out of transgenic technology are the pharmaceutical protein, tissue and organ-transplantation industries. As these industries progress into the commercialization phase, factors such as propagation of animals, storage of genotypes and disease monitoring and control become important practical considerations.

There also will be **poster presentations, workshops on specialty areas, a post-conference symposium** titled "Gamete Biology: Fundamental and Applied Aspects in Animal Reproduction" and **an evening of entertainment at the New England Aquarium**. Proceedings will be published in **January, 1998 issue of THERIOGENOLOGY**.

- **Preregistration:** US\$150 (members), US\$20 (student members), US\$250 (nonmembers), and US\$90 (student nonmembers). IETS, 1111 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy, IL 61874 USA. Rooms at the Boston Marriott Copley Place are US\$100 (double or single) with a cost of US\$20 for additional persons in the room.
- **Submission of abstracts:** Dr. James M. Robl, Holdsworth Way, Paige Laboratory, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-6410 USA; telephone: 413-545-2427; fax: 413-545-6326; e-mail: IETSJR@VASC.IUMASS.EDU. The **firm deadline for receipt** of abstracts (original and three photostatic copies) is **15 August 1996**. Do not fold your abstract and please provide some stiff backing to protect the abstract during transit. Fax copies or electronic submissions will not be accepted. They should be mailed (postmark deadline) by 1 August (outside North America) or 10 August (within North America). If necessary, retyping of abstracts will cost US\$30.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
1998 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL EMBRYO TRANSFER SOCIETY
18-20 January; Boston Marriott Copley Place, Massachusetts, USA

Free communications will be presented as posters, abstracts of which will be published in the January, 1998 issue of *THERIOGENOLOGY*. Abstracts must be in English, and prepared according to *THERIOGENOLOGY'S* guidelines for direct offset reproduction; **abstracts must adhere rigidly to the guidelines on format, paper quality, and font size.** The abstract must report **unpublished, original data**, and contain objectives, experimental methods, results, and conclusions. Due to space restrictions, no one may be first author of more than one abstract or co-author of more than four abstracts. Each abstract will be subjected to **rigorous scientific review** by at least two referees. A **signed commitment to present the data in the poster session** at the annual conference is required. Students may enter their abstract in a competition sponsored by the IETS Foundation, and also are eligible to compete for three US\$500 travel awards. The Foundation also offers to young international scientists a grant to be awarded competitively on specific merit and need, consisting of up to US\$1500 to be applied toward travel and lodging; registration fees will be waived. Request details of eligibility, judging procedures, and prizes from the IETS office before preparing abstracts.

The **firm deadline** for receipt of the abstract (original and three photostatic copies) is **15 August 1997**. Abstracts received after this date will be returned. Do not fold your abstract and please provide some stiff backing to protect the abstract during transit. In addition to the hard copies, submission on disk (3.5 inch) is encouraged to facilitate processing. Acceptable word-processing formats are WordPerfect 5.1 or higher and Word 4.4 or higher. Fax copies and electronic submissions will not be accepted. They should be mailed (postmark deadline) by 1 August (outside North America) or 10 August (within North America) to:

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Instructions for preparation of abstracts as well as information about the student competition and travel awards may be obtained from:

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Topics of the invited papers include practical considerations for in vitro embryo production, fertilization, keeping the embryo viable in vitro, and methods and applications of genetic modifications in animals.

**10th European Testis Workshop on Molecular and Cellular
Endocrinology of the Testis
Capri, Italy March 28th — April 1st 1998**

The 10th European Testis Workshop will be held in Capri, Italy, March 28th–April 1st, 1998. The meeting is characterized by general lectures given by scientists which have recently produced outstanding data on relevant topics and by the organized, exhaustive discussion of scientific data, which are presented by the participants through the formula of the miniposter: a one page paper including figures.

Topics for general lectures include:

- Germ stem cell biology
- Regulation of meiosis
- Growth factors
- Cell signaling and transduction
- Nuclear receptors and androgen regulated genes in the testis
- Reproductive immunology and apoptosis
- Sperm activation and sperm factors active at fertilization
- Y X chromosomes and sex determination

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8th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SPERMATOLOGY

Montréal, Canada, August 17–22, 1998

The next International Symposium on Spermatology (the 8th of the series) will be held in Montréal, Canada, August 17–22, 1998. Various aspects of spermatology, from marine to mammalian species (including human) will be discussed by world leading experts. Topics to be addressed range from spermatogenesis, sperm structure, function, and phylogeny to applied spermatology in marine species, farm animals and humans.

For further information contact Dr. Claude Gagnon (Chairman) at 8th International Symposium on Spermatology, Gerry Lou & Associates, 1224 rue Stanley, Suite 311, Montréal (Québec), Canada, H3B 2S7; Phone: 1-514-878-2530; Fax: 1-514-878-2532; E-mail: cgagnon@is.rvh.mcgill.ca

The Contraceptive Research and Development (CONRAD) Program Announces a Request for Applications (RFA) to Develop Improved Methods of Contraception

The CONRAD Program is seeking applications to develop contraceptive methods that are safe, effective, and acceptable. Areas of particularly high interest include: barrier methods that protect against the transmission of HIV or other STD pathogens, and are controlled by the female user; improved formulations of existing vaginal products; progestin-releasing single subcutaneous implants or IUDs; adhesives, chemicals, or other techniques to achieve non-surgical male or female sterilization. The program focus is on initial phases of clinical testing and product-oriented preclinical studies. For more information contact Lee E. Claypool, Ph.D. (address below).

The CONRAD Program has also received funds from the Rockefeller, Mellon, and other foundations to create the Consortium for Industrial Collaboration in Contraceptive Research (CICCR) which promotes public/private sector interaction in contraceptive R & D. Funding is available to support a woman-centered agenda which includes male methods; vaginal methods that prevent pregnancy and STDs; and a monthly method that could be post-coital, anti-implantation, or a menses inducer. Funding is available to investigators at not-for-profit institutions, who have, or can attract, industrial interest or joint funding. For more information contact Michael J. K. Harper, Ph.D. (address below).

CONRAD Program, 1611 North Kent Street, Suite 806, Arlington, VA 22209, Phone (703) 524-4744, Fax (703) 524-4770, E-mail info@conrad.org, Website <http://www.conrad.org>

We invite you to join the American Society of Andrology !

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Introduction

Founded in 1975, the American Society of Andrology (ASA) is composed of clinicians and basic research scientists involved with the physiology and pathology of male reproductive functions. The research interests of andrologists encompass several basic science and clinical disciplines including biochemistry, urology, immunology, psychology, genetics, gynecology, pathology, pharmacology, internal medicine and animal science. The Society fosters a multidisciplinary approach to the study of male reproduction and sexual function.

Statement of Purpose

The Society functions to promote scientific interchange and knowledge of the male reproductive system and to advance the understanding of andrology through annual meetings, postgraduate courses and the publication of meritorious studies in the Journal of Andrology.

Journal of Andrology

Published bimonthly, ASA members receive the Journal of Andrology, a major source of scientific reports and topical reviews covering all aspects of male reproduction and sexual function. The Journal continues to be the strongest journal in the field of andrology based upon impact factor and its contents are indexed in Current Contents and Index Medicus. A \$175 value, the journal is provided as a part of membership.

Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course

ASA's Annual Meeting offers an unequalled opportunity to learn about the latest advances in basic and clinical andrological research in the form of symposia, lectures and research reports (oral and poster). The meeting is designed to serve the interests of ASA's diverse membership and state-of-the-art lectures supported by industry attract prominent speakers to accomplish this task. The annual Andrology Laboratory Workshop, Women In Andrology Luncheon, Student Colloquium and Awards Presentation are also featured events. Continuing medical education

credits (CMEs) are offered to qualified attendees of the annual meeting and postgraduate course. Members receive early notice and lower registration fees for the Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course. Upcoming meeting locations include Baltimore ('97), Long Beach ('98) and Chicago ('99).

ASA On-Line: Androlog

ASA members have access to **Androlog**...the on-line forum for discussing the latest issues and topics in andrology with colleagues from around the world. The Society also maintains a Home Page which can be used to find out the latest association news as well as an e-mail link to our administrative offices to request a wide variety of information.

ASA Newsletter

The ASA Newsletter is circulated 2-4 times per year and updates members on the many activities of the Society as well as news on NIH and private funding.

Student Benefits

Students are the future of any research field — and Andrology is no different. With this in mind, the ASA offers special student discounts on membership and registration fees for the high quality postgraduate training programs that are offered by the society. A student newsletter is mailed to all student members in conjunction the ASA newsletter. Travel funds are available for qualified students who present research at the Annual Meeting.

Other Membership Benefits

Membership Directory...Includes all ASA members, listed and referenced by name, location, research interests and specialities.

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